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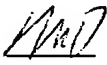
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Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 22, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Agilent Technologies Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

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